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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3706**
Satoru OI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005_0168A
Serial No. 10/523,531 : Group Art Unit 1625
Filed February 7, 2005 : Examiner Taofiq A. Solola
FUSED HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS :
AS PEPTIDASE INHIBITORS **Mail Stop: Amendment**

RESPONSE

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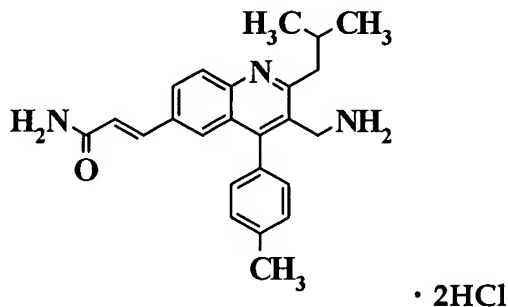
Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated December 31, 2007.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction and an election of species.

Applicants elect the invention of Group XII wherein one of R¹ and R² is phenyl and the other is C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, and wherein the other aspects of the compound correspond to Group I, wherein both X and Y are bonds, and L is a C₁₋₁₀ alkylene.

Regarding the election of species, Applicants elect the compound of Example 19 as the species, as shown below:




Compound of Example 19: (2E)-3-[3-(aminomethyl)-2-isobutyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)quinolin-6-yl]acrylamide dihydrochloride

The compound of Example 19 is the compound of the formula (I), wherein R^1 is a C_{1-10} alkyl group (i.e., isobutyl) and Y is a bond, wherein R^1 -Y- is attached to the 2-position of the quinoline ring;
 R^2 is a C_{6-14} aryl group having a C_{1-6} alkyl group (i.e., 4-methylphenyl group) and X is a bond, wherein R^2 -X- is attached to the 4-position of the quinoline ring; and
L is a C_{1-10} alkylene group (i.e., methylene group), wherein NH_2 -L- is attached to the 3-portion of the quinoline ring.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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